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A TEXAS MEMBER ADVOCATES AN EXTRA SESSION SO THAT CONGRESS CAN BECOME ACQUAINTED WITH PRESIDENT CLEVELAND. IF THIS BE THE ONLY REASON ADVANCED IN FAVOR OF AN EXTRA SESSION IT CAN BE EASILY DISPENSED WITH. DEMOCRATIC CONGRESSMEN WILL HANG AROUND HOR LONG ENOUGH AFTER MARCH 4 TO BE INTRODUCED TO THE PRESIDENT-ELECT.

A MR. FLYNN, A DEMOCRATIC LEGISLATOR OF NEW JERSEY, VOTED AGAINST A RESOLUTION PASSED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THAT STATE DECLARING THAT UNION VETERANS SHOULD NOT BE REMOVED FROM FEDERAL OFFICES FOR PARTISAN REASONS. MR. FLYNN SAID HE OPPOSED THE RESOLUTION BECAUSE HE BELIEVED THAT TO THE "VICTOR BELONGED THE SPOLIES," AND IF HE HAD A FRIEND WHO WANTED A PLACE HE WOULD PUT HIM INTO IT. THE BEST MAN IN THE STATE HAD TO GO. MR. FLYNN WILL BE REMEMBLED WITH GRATITUDE BY THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY LONG AFTER GEORGE WILLIAMS CURTIS AND HIS OTHER MUGWUMP ALLIES ARE FORGOTTEN.

THE SOLDIERS' ROLL IN THE HOUSE HAS NOT BEEN SUBJECT TO CHANGES FOR POLITICAL REASONS. IT IS NOT IN THE CONTROL OF THE DOOKER, BUT THE SALARIES OF THESE WORTHY OFFICERS OF THE HOUSE ARE PROVIDED FOR SPECIFICALLY IN ONE OF THE APPROPRIATION BILLS. THE CLOVEN FOOT OF THE DEMOCRACY APPEARS IN THE ATTEMPT TO ABOLISH THIS ROLL, AND TO PUT THEM ONE-ARMED AND ONE-LEGGED VETERANS ON THE SAME PLANE WITH OTHER MESSENGERS WHO OWN THEIR PLACES TO POLITICAL INFLUENCES. IT IS VERY DOUBTFUL IF SUCH A SCHEME SUCCEEDS, BUT IT SHOWS THE DEMOCRATIC GREED FOR OFFICE, AND THE TOTAL DISREGARD OF THAT PARTY FOR ALL ITS FORMER PREVENTIONS OF LOVE FOR THE SOLDIER. THE DEMOCRATIC ACT AS IF THIS WAS THEIR LAST CHANCE TO SECURE OFFICE, AND THERE SEEMS TO BE NO DOUBT IN THE MINDS OF THE PEOPLE THAT IT IS.

THE ANTI-CONTRACT LABOR BILL IN WHICH THE LABORING MEN OF THE COUNTRY HAVE TAKEN SO MUCH INTEREST HAS PASSED THE SENATE PRETTY MUCH AS IT CAME FROM THE HOUSE. A CONFERENCE COMMITTEE WILL PROBABLY AGREE UPON IT. ITS PROVISIONS AND THE BILL WILL BECOME A LAW. WHILE THERE IS DIFFERENCE OF OPINION UPON ITS PRACTICAL WORKING, IT WILL RECEIVE A FAIR TRIAL, AND IS LEGISLATION IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION. NO SMALL AMOUNT OF TROUBLE HAS OCCURRED FROM THE ATTEMPT MADE TO INTRODUCE THE PAUPER LABOR OF EUROPE IN CONJUNCTION WITH OUR OWN WORKING MEN. THESE FOREIGNERS DO NOT COME HERE OF THEIR OWN VOLITION, AND HAVE TO EXPECTED TO BE MADE SLAVES BY THE CONTRACTORS, AND TO ALL PRACTICAL PURPOSES WHITE SLAVES TO THEIR TASK MASTERS. ASIDE FROM THE FACT THAT THEIR EMPLOYMENT TENDS TO DEGRADE OUR OWN LABORING CLASSES, THERE IS A DECIDED OBJECTION TO THIS METHOD OF SECURING LABOR. IT IS TO BE HOPE THAT THE BILL WILL MEET THE FULLEST EXPECTATIONS OF ITS FRIENDS.

Give Us a Postoffice.

The house is passing daily one or more of the public building bills that have come to it from the senate. We trust it will not forget that this city is in crying need of a new postoffice, that the present one is a disgrace to the community, and a striking commentary of the indifference of congress to the wants of the inhabitants of the capital. It ought not to be said to the many strangers who will be here on the 4th of March that for two years more the immense mail of the government and of individuals here to be handled in a fire-trap building, as dangerous as it is repulsive in external and internal appearance. Let all personal considerations be laid aside, and an appropriation made for this worthy object. But little time remains for work at this session, and what is done must be accomplished speedily.

The World's Exposition.

A year ago, when the bill to loan the New Orleans Exposition was under consideration in the senate, Senator Frye, of Maine, said:

I believe I had the honor to present the only petition that has been presented in favor of the bill. It was my own bill, and my own state, was signed by the governor and was also signed by the leading manufacturers of cotton fabrics. These gentlemen have no special interest in Louisiana—a special interest in the exposition—except one of pure business.

They know perfectly well that the only place for the exposition is the temple of this country in the future, to Mexico and the South American and Isthmian states. They know that they cannot compete in textile fabrics, with France, and Germany, and England, in their own countries. It is an impossibility. But here are all the South American countries, and Mexico, and the Isthmian states, waiting for the exposition to be held here. This never will manufacture such goods, at least not until in five years, and our manufacturers see through this exposition, a good way for business, and nothing else under the sun, and that is why, without any qualm, but purely as a matter of justice, they ask that this appropriation shall be made, to secure justice fully, that the exposition may be held here.

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